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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/799,698	Applicant(s) REVELL, CLIFFORD LAMAR	
	Examiner M. Scott Lowe	Art Unit 3652	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 March 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the motor vehicle, longitudinal axis, window, driver's seat, etc., must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

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The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In lines 1-2 applicant states "rolled paper products". In line 23 applicant states "a rolled newspaper" and in the next line states "the rolled paper". The terms need to be made consistent so that it is clear that they refer to the same item. For sake of examination it is assumed they refer to the same item.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Berke (US 6,286,418).

Re claim 1, Berke teaches a tool 60 the design of which could be used to aid an individual operating a motor vehicle in the delivery of rolled paper materials roughly the length and width of a newspaper into roadside newspaper receiving containers, comprising:
an external sleeve 78 having a bore extended longitudinally therethrough;

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a stationary suspension rod 12, said stationary suspension rod inserted along the longitudinal axis through the bore in the external sleeve 78, with said external sleeve remaining free to slide along the longitudinal axis of the suspension rod 12, said suspension rod being of a length sufficient to enable the user to place the distal end of the suspension rod through an open window, door or other similar opening of the user's vehicle to close proximity to a newspaper receiving container on the opposite side of the vehicle, all while occupying the driver's seat of the motor vehicle;

a butt plate 80 with a bore sized to admit said external sleeve 78, with the distal end of said external sleeve passing through and secured to the butt plate so that the distal face of said external sleeve is flush with the distal face of the butt plate, with said external sleeve and butt plate assembly being shorter in length than the suspension rod 12 as necessary to allow the distal end of the suspension rod to be inserted longitudinally into the center of a rolled newspaper such that the rolled paper will rest on the suspension rod between the butt plate and the distal end of the suspension rod; and

an end cap 62 secured to the proximal end of the suspension rod, said end cap being of sufficient size to prevent the external sleeve from slipping off the proximal end of the suspension rod 12.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the

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invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Berke (US 6,286,418).

Re claims 2,4, Berke does not mention the suspension rod 12 having a bore extended therethrough, but mentions in column 7 that various changes may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. Since it is well known that that hollow rods (bored rods) are lighter than solid rods, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Berke to have a bored (hollow) rod in order to make the device lighter.

Re claim 3, Berke teaches in other embodiments (figures 5-10) removing the end cap 62 and bending down the proximal portion of the suspension rod 12. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Berke (figure 4) by Berke (figures 5-10) by removing the end cap 62 and bending down the proximal portion of the suspension rod 12 in order to save material and lighten the device.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Bentz (US D346,315) teaches a bent rod.

Geller (US 2,194,016) teaches a bent rod.

Light (US 2,712,466) teaches a newspaper delivery device.

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Rocquin (US 4,502,722) teaches a similar device.

Pacione (US 4,909,554) teaches a similar device.


Swindle (US 5,671,659) teaches a similar device.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to M. Scott Lowe whose telephone number is (571) 272-6929. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30am-4:30pm M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eileen Lillis can be reached on (571) 272-6607. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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